



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** November 23, 2010

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Chief's Staff, Police Department

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Change To Parking Violation Penalties Due To Recently Adopted State Budget

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 10-044, Establishing Certain City Fees, to Authorize Adjustments to Parking Violation Penalties Due to Recently Adopted State Budget.

### DISCUSSION:

State law requires local jurisdictions that process their own parking citations to pay a portion of the fines collected to the County for allocation to certain special funds established by state law. These funds support the construction of courthouses and other criminal justice facilities. The state laws that govern this process were amended effective October 19, 2010.

For parking citations issued on or before January 1, 2009, the City was required to remit \$9.50 to the Santa Barbara Superior Court from each parking citation collected. With the new amendments to state law, the City is now required to pay the County \$12.50 from each fine collected. Unless the City amends the parking citation fee resolution, the net effect of these amendments to state law will be a \$3.00 per citation reduction of revenue to the City. For all parking citations issued (street sweeping citations and non-street sweeping citations), Staff recommends an increase of \$3 per citation, effective December 1, 2010 to cover the additional cost per citation.

### BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Due to the recently adopted State budget, the City would be required to remit to the County approximately \$300,000 each year from parking citations. The proposed parking citation fee increase would offset these additional payments to the County and prevent reductions to the City's operating budget.

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